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1. IN MEETING MAY 13 WITH LABOR ATTACHE TO REVIEW ILO AFFAIRS, MFA OFFICIAL (BAR-YAACOV), ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH BASICALLY CORROBORATES REFTEL A.

2. BAR-YAACOV SAID MFA HAD NO HARD INFORMATION ON MOVE AT WHA TO SUSPEND ISRAEL. THEY PRIMARILY WERE ASSUMING THAT SUCH A MOVE MIGHT BE MADE BY RADICAL ARAB STATES. HE DID SAY EGYPT WAS MORE MODERATE ELEMENT, POSSIBLY LOOKING FOR CONDEMNATION RATHER THAN SUSPENSION OR OTHER SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY "ROCK THE BOAT."

3. BAR-YAACOV SAID THAT SUSPENSION MOVE AT WHA IS EASIER THAN AT ILO CONFERENCE, AS PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION EXIST IN WHO CONSTITUTION AND LIKELIHOOD FOR MAJORITY VOTE AT WHA IS BETTER. WHA IS COMPRISED OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES ONLY, WHILE ILO CONFERENCE HAS WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES WHO MAY VOTE DIFFERENTLY THAN GOVERNMENT. VEOTING PROCEDURE
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AT ILO CONFERENCE ALSO MORE FAVORABLE TO DEFEATING EXPULSION MOVE.

4. HOWEVER, BAR-YAACOV FEARED THAT SUCCESSFUL SUSPENSION

EFFORT AT WHA MIGHT PROVIDE PRECEDENT WHICH COULD STRENGTHEN
EXPULSION MOVE AT ILO CONFERENCE. ON QUESTION OF EXPULSION
MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, BAR-
YAACOV NOTED THAT RESOLUTION WAS PASSED SOME TIME AGO BY
UNESCO CONCERNING EDUCATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHICH
CONCEIVABLY COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR SUSPENSION MOVE. SERIES
OF SUSPENSIONS FROM UN AGENCIES, COULD, BAR-YAACOV SAID,
LEAD TO FINAL CULMINATION IN EFFORT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5. BAR-YAACOV EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH EXCLUSION
OF ISRAEL FROM UNESCO MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVED
UNESCO SECRETARIAT MIGHT HAVE WORKED FOR INCLUSION OF ISRAEL,
THUS GIVING SUBSTANCE TO ITS ALLEGED CONTENTION
THAT EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP WAS
NOT TERRIBLY SIGNIFICANT ACTION. EFFORTS TO SECURE ISRAELI
MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGION WILL HAE TO AWAIT NEXT
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO.

6. STATUS OF LEMAIRE VISIT TO JERUSALEM IS UNCHANGED, I.E.,
LEMAIRE NOT WELCOME AS LONG AS HIS VISIT IS DIRECTLY
ATTACHED TO CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL
DIGGINGS IN JERUSALEM. BAR-YAACOV STATED IF REQUEST
WAS MADE FOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM ALONG SAME
PROCEDURES AS VISITS UNDER PREVIOUS UNESCO DG, I.E.,
WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO UNESCO ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL,
HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. WHAT UNESCO DOES
WITH LEMAIRE'S REPORTS "IS ITS BUSINESS." BAR-YAACOV
NOTED THAT THESE ARE HIS VIEWS; HE CANNOT PREDICT
WITH CERTAINTY THE FINAL DECISION OF MFA ON REQUEST
FROM DG FOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM. (MFA ASST DIR
GEN KIDRON HAS CONSISTENTLY COVEYED SIMILAR VIEWS TO
US OVER PAST MONTHS). IN SIMILAR VEIN, BAR-YAACOV
ADDED, ISRAEL WILL NOT RESPOND TO ANY ILO REQUESTS
WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION.
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